

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 19th March 2018.

Present: Councillor P Quinn in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, P Walton, A Farlow, D Childs, M P Johnson, J G Huntington, L Cockfield, S Townsend, D Reynolds, D A Anderson, D L Mather, L Deakin and S Quinn.

SA 70/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Miller and L Butterworth.

SA 71/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 72/17 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members of the trading position for the month of February and advised that bar sales fell marginally short of budget but food sales exceeded budget by £1700. Costs for the month of February were almost £5000 below budget resulting in an overall financial performance for the period of £6k better than budget.

Overall for the year to the end of February bar sales exceeded budget by £24k and food sales exceeded budget by £5.5k. The overall financial performance for the year to date was £28k better than budget.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 73/17 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Recommended that no comment be made on the following applications:-

- a. Demolition of existing annex and construction of two storey extension at Low West Thickley Farm, Brusselton submitted by Mr M Spence.
- b. Proposed weighbridge and concrete hardstanding at Coppy Crooks Farm, West Auckland Road, Shildon submitted by Mr J Finch.
- c. Prior approval for the refurbishment of listed bridge spans, alterations to bridge and creation of ramp and embankment at Thickley Wood Bridge, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon submitted by Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd.
- d. Refurbishment of listed bridge spans, alterations to bridge and creation of ramp and embankment at Thickley Wood Bridge, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon submitted by Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd.
- e. Erection of 6 no. dwellings on Site of Former Walkers Coal Yard, Robson Street, Shildon submitted by Shaun Humble.

Signed
Chairman.....

SA 74/17 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

Recommended that the decisions taken since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

SA 75/17 Event and Project Updates

The Town Clerk provided information to Members about the Fun4All Event to be held in Hackworth Park, Shildon on 4th August 2018.

As in previous years, the Town Council would be working in partnership with Shildon Alive – a St. John’s Church Project, Livin, Foundation of Light, BASH AAP, The Sanctuary and many more local groups, to organise a full list of activities to take place within the park on the day.

Members were informed that the Armed Forces Day which was due to be held on 23rd June 2018, had been cancelled and the Royal British Legion (Shildon Branch) would be involved with the Fun4All Event.

The Town Clerk also informed Members that the conservation work to the Shildon War Memorial was planned to commence (weather permitting) from Monday, 9th April 2018.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 76/17 Exclusion of Press and Public

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council now excludes the press and public on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public.

SA 77/17 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members detailing the following:-

- a. options for the renewal of the Wet Supply contract

On being put to the vote 10 Members voted for the acceptance of Option A, 1 Member voted against and 4 Members abstained. Consequently it was **recommended** that Option A be approved.

- b. improvements to the kitchen area

Recommended that the report be received.

- c. adverse weather conditions and the impact on trading during February

Recommended that the duty manager be officially authorised on behalf of the council to cease trading earlier than the advertised opening hours in, and only in, exceptional circumstances.

- d. management jurisdiction

Recommended that the decision of the Manager be endorsed.

Signed
Chairman.....